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1. It is reported that President Peron of Argentina in a recent meeting with Ingegnere Sebastì, a partner in the Scalera (construction) firm, stated that he wanted 3,000,000 more Italian workers and their families in Argentina but that he wanted no Polish or Yugoslav Displaced Persons or Communists. Peron also allegedly stated in the course of the meeting that he intended to build a strong modern army, air force and navy because he feels that some day Argentina might have to fight Brazil.
2. The Scalera firm is said to have signed contracts running into billions of lire for construction works and is preparing to transport 40,000 employees and their families to Argentina.
3. Sebastì left Italy for an extensive tour of Brazil and Argentina in September 1946, returned to Italy via TWA on 22 December and plans to return to Argentina in the middle of January 1947. About the first of February he expects to go to New York to purchase construction machinery on dollar credits advanced by the Argentine Government.

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